

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 5, 2005. Claims 3-9 and 12-35 are presented for examination. Claims 1, 2, 10, and 11 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 12-19, and 28-35 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 3, 9, 12, 18, and 19 are independent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 3, 9, 12, 18, and 20-35 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Claims 3, 9, 12, and 18 have been so rewritten, and thus are now believed to be in condition for allowance. In addition, Claim 19 has been rewritten to correspond to Claim 12, and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance as well.

The cancellation of Claims 1, 2, 10, and 11, and the rewriting of Claim 19, renders the rejection of those claims moot; their rejections will not be discussed further.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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